

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Cup-shaped molded article (cup) produced from a flat textile product (30) in the form of nonwoven material or needled felt,

-- where the cup (20) is produced in a molding press (31, 32) and is used to fit out motor vehicles,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein

-- each of the two opposite side walls (22) of the cup has a parting line (14, 15), which starts (18) from the opening (21) of the cup and proceeds (19) all the way to the bottom (23) of the cup; in that

-- the parting lines (14, 15) divide the cup (20) longitudinally into two cup segments (11, 12), which are connected to each other across the bottom (23) of the cup; in that

-- the inner ends (19) of the two parting lines (14, 15) define between them a bending line (28) in the bottom (23) of the cup;

-- which bending line functions as a fold axis for the bottom (23), so that the two cup segments (11, 12) can be converted from a folded-out position (20.1) to a folded-in position (20.2); in that

-- the two cup segments (11, 12), although molded from the flat textile product (30) in two separate areas, are produced simultaneously, adjacent to each other, in their folded-open position

(20.1) between the two halves of the press, where the edges (43, 44) of the two parting lines (14, 15) face one of the halves of the press; and in that

-- in the folded-in position (20.2), the parting lines (14, 15) butt up against each other, and the closed cup segments (11, 12) form the finished cup (20).

2. (Currently Amended) Cup (20) according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~, wherein, in the folded-in position (20.2), the cup segments (11, 12) are attached to each other along their closed parting lines (14, 15).

3. (Currently Amended) Cup (20) according to ~~Claim 1 or Claim 2, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein overlaps (40) of the flat textile product (30) are located at the parting lines (14, 15) and engage with each other when the two cup segments (11, 12) are in the folded-in position (20.2).

4. (Currently Amended) Cup (20) according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the overlaps consist of a lowered flattened area (42) and a projecting flange (41), where the flange (41) is at the edge (43) of the parting line (14, 15) of the one cup segment (11), whereas the flattened area (42) is at the edge (44) of the adjacent cup segment (12).

5. (Currently Amended) Cup (20) according to ~~one of Claims 1-4, characterized in that~~, Claim 1, wherein, in the folded-in position, the edges (43, 44) of the parting lines (14, 15) and/or the overlaps (40) are held permanently together by a binder.

6. (Currently Amended) Cup (20) according to ~~one of Claims 1-5, characterized in that~~, Claim 1, wherein, from the perspective of the cup opening (21', 21''), the side wall (22', 22'') is undercut at least in a certain area; and in that

-- the undercut side walls (22', 22'') lead to a bottom (23', 23''), which is wider, at least in a certain area, than the open width (47, 49) of the cup opening (21', 21'').

7. (Currently Amended) Cup (20) according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the undercut of the side wall (22'') is produced by a bulged-out area (39) of the cup (20).

8. (Currently Amended) Cup (20) according to ~~one or more of Claims 1-7, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the opening (21, 21', 21'') of the cup is surrounded by a flange (24), which is at an angle to the side wall (22, 22', 22'') of the cup.